
Opioid Settlement Funds
WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO KNOW
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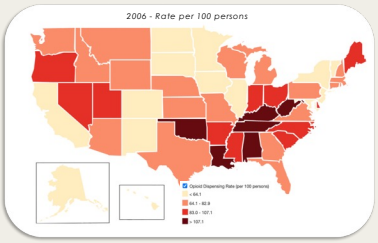

Agenda for Today
1 Overview of the Opioid Crisis
2 Opioid Settlement Dollars in TN
3 Local Processes & Technical Assistance
4 Data & Additional Resources

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The Opioid Crisis
How did we get here?

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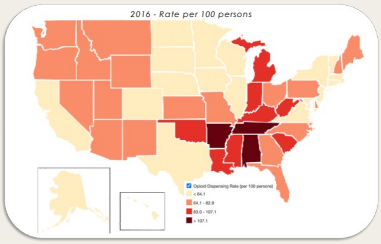
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Source: CDC

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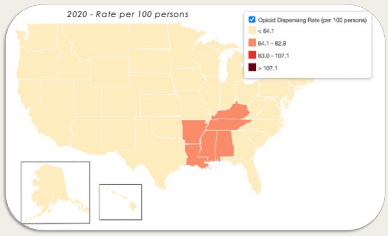
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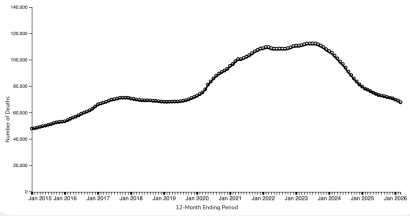


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Current Overdose Rates in US

Provisional drug deaths last 12 months ending March 2026: **66,712**

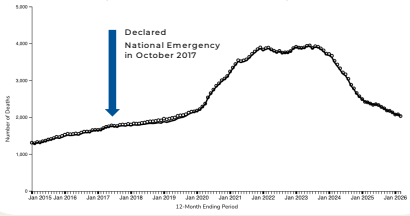


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Current Overdose Rates in TN

Provisional drug deaths last 12 months ending March 2026: **2,028**



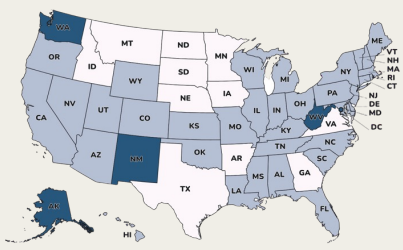
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Fatal Overdose Rates By State

(per 100,000 people)

1. West Virginia	48.9
2. Alaska	45.1
3. District of Columbia	43.2
4. Washington	37.6
5. New Mexico	37.1
6. Nevada	35.9
7. Maine	35.2
8. Tennessee	**35.2**
9. Vermont	33.6
10. Kentucky	33.5



Source: CDC, 2024 Data

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The Opioid Settlements

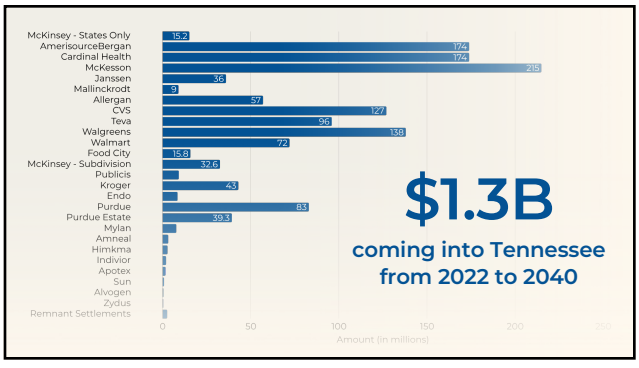
How Settlement Funds Reach Tennessee

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The Opioid Settlements

PURDUE
McKinsey & Company
Allergan
CVS pharmacy
Food City Pharmacy
endo Pharmaceuticals
AmerisourceBergen
CardinalHealth
Walmart Pharmacy
Mallinckrodt
Janssen
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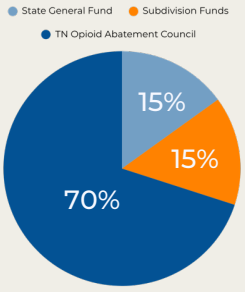
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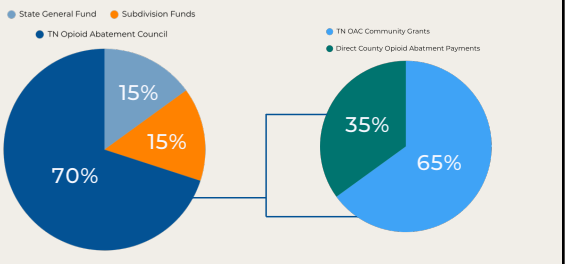
The UT SMART Initiative is contracted with Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Council to provide technical assistance and educational support to Tennessee counties on the use of Opioid Abatement Trust Funds.

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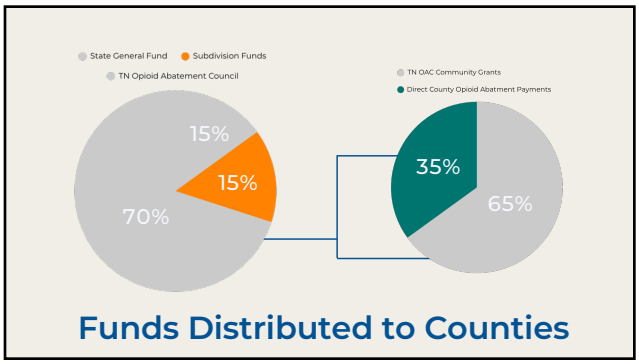
The Three "Buckets"



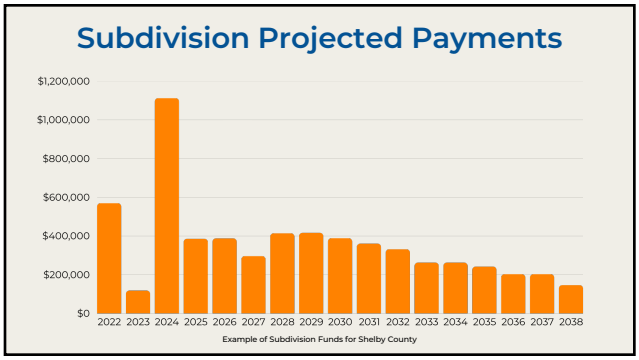
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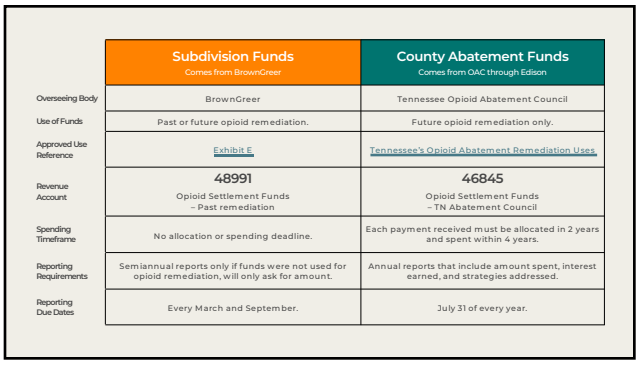
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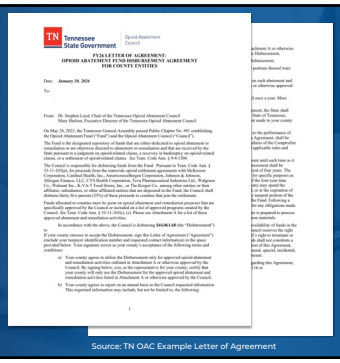
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	Subdivision Funds Comes from BrownGreer	County Abatement Funds Comes from OAC through Edison
Overseeing Body	BrownGreer	Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council
Use of Funds	Past or future opioid remediation.	Future opioid remediation only.
Approved Use Reference	Exhibit E	Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Remediation Uses
Revenue Account	48991 Opioid Settlement Funds – Past remediation	46845 Opioid Settlement Funds – TN Abatement Council
Spending Timeframe	No allocation or spending deadline.	Each payment received must be allocated in 2 years and spent within 4 years.
Reporting Requirements	Semiannual reports only if funds were not used for opioid remediation, will only ask for amount.	Annual reports that include amount spent, interest earned, and strategies addressed.
Reporting Due Dates	Every March and September.	July 31 of every year.

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OAC - County Letter of Agreement


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TVA LETTER OF AGREEMENT:
OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
FOR COUNTY ENTITIES

Source: TN OAC Example Letter of Agreement

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Approved Remediation Strategies

Categories Developed by the TN OAC

- Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Primary Prevention
- Education and Training
- Life Saving Overdose Prevention Services
- Research and Evaluation

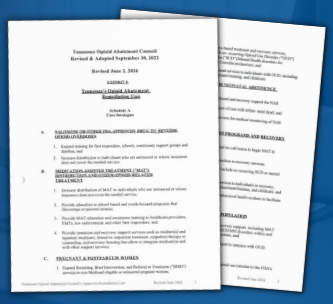
Source: Remediation List Strategies

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Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Remediation Uses

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Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council
Revised & Adopted September 30, 2023

Revised June 2, 2024

EXHIBIT A

Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Remediation Uses

Schedule A
Core Strategies

Source: Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council

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Opioid Abatement Technical Assistance

How UT SMART can support your local process

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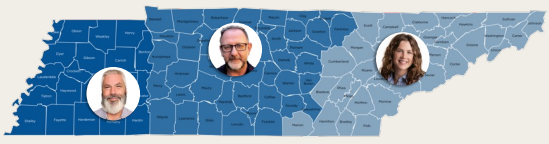
The UT SMART Initiative

We employ three consultants, one for each grand division of the state, to provide the following technical assistance at no cost to all counties:

- County RFP Process
- Reporting to OAC
- Making Data-Guided Decisions
- Tracking Outcomes
- Program Implementation

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Service Area & Team



Statewide Support:

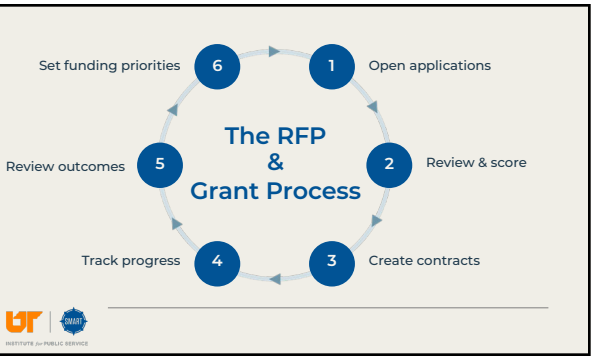


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Local Decision Processes

- Elected leaders make funding decisions
- A community committee advises elected officials
- Government hires outside organization to guide planning
- Government hires dedicated staff to lead process

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Templates for the Grant Process

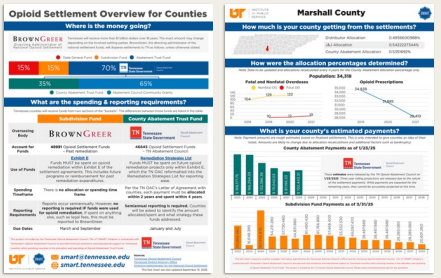
Available documents:

- Request for proposal overview
- Grant application template
- Scoring template
- Budget template
- Work Plan template
- County – Agency contract

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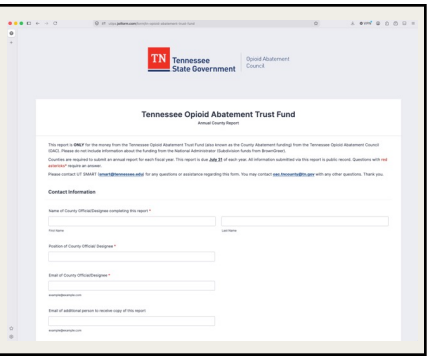
Settlement Factsheets



UT SMART produces this Factsheets with data from TN Opioid Abatement Council, TN Attorney General's Office, TN Dept of Health, and National Opioid Settlement Director.

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Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Reporting



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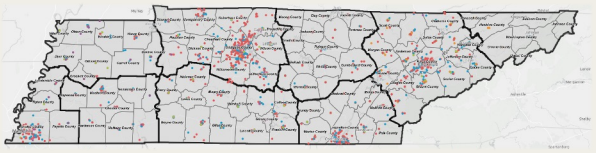


County Opioid Abatement Workshops

- Strengthens knowledge & prepares new officials
- Enables peer learning & connection
- Encourages evidence-based strategies & innovative approaches

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Identifying Resources



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The creation of this map was funded by the University of Tennessee through an internal grant.
It is not work under the OAC contact but helped inform it and county processes.

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Use Your Local Data for Guidance

Medical Examiner / Forensic Center

EMS / Law Enforcement "Suspected Overdoses"

Hospitals / Emergency Departments

Together these data sources can help tell **WHO** is overdosing, **WHERE** they are overdosing and on **WHAT** they are overdosing.

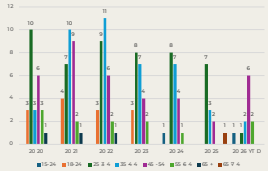
- WHO, WHERE and on WHAT allows you to…
  - prioritize your strategies and allocations
  - ensure limited resources are well targeted

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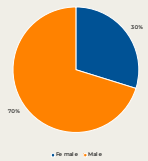
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WHO is Overdosing

Age Group Distribution of Suspected Fatal Overdoses by Year



Sex Distribution of Suspected Fatal Overdoses



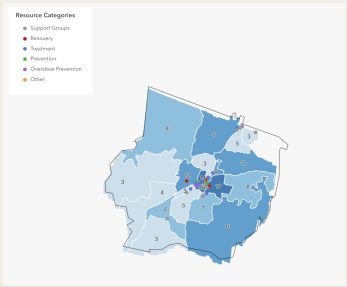
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WHERE They are Overdosing

Map depicts the number of overdoses in each census tract of a Tennessee county.

Darker areas have more overdoses, helping identify communities that may need more prevention, treatment, and support services.

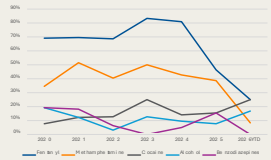


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WHAT They are Overdosing On

Percentage of Suspected Overdoses Involving Selected Substances (2020–2026 YTD)

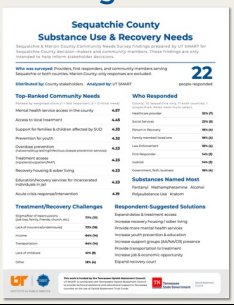


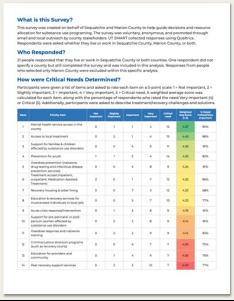
Year	Substance Combination
2020	Fentanyl + Methamphetamine
2021	Benzodiazepine + Fentanyl + Methamphetamine
2022	Fentanyl + Prescription Opioid
2023	Fentanyl + Methamphetamine
2024	Alcohol + Fentanyl
2025	Fentanyl + Methamphetamine
2026 YTD	Cocaine + Fentanyl

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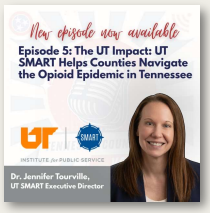
Gathering Data from Local Communities


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